Establishment of Drone Cell of Government of Maharashtra In MahaIT

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Preface:

As part of digital initiatives, the Government of Maharashtra has given utmost importance to the usage of emerging technologies. One of the most promising technologies among these is the 'Drone Technology'. Drones have tremendous potential in revamping the governance ecosystem, with its application ranging across a multitude of sectors. In order to enable the utilization of drone technology, the State Government has decided to establish a "Drone cell" as a part of MahaIT with a technical team within MahaIT.

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The "Drone cell" is envisaged to act as a Nodal Agency and coordinate with various stakeholders to cater to the drone ecosystem in the State. The cell will look at establishing the leadership of State in the areas of drone technology and adoption. The cell will be responsible for creating awareness and enabling the adoption of drone technology in the State through training, market research, infrastructure development strategy and other activities. In addition to this, it will oversee the implementation of DGCA guidelines, enforcement and regulatory activities for safe and secure drone operation within the State.

Drone Cell will be responsible for:

- Define the short term and long term objectives of the State and create a roadmap for State.
- Assist the State in engaging with DGCA on the policy and regulations framework for Drones.
- Assist the State in defining the strategy and operational aspects with respect to the upcoming Digital Sky platform.
- Formulate use cases for Drone applications in the state in discussion with various Departments and identify some sectors to execute pilot projects and subsequently scale up the execution to cover the entire state.
- Monitor the project implementation and create SOPs for executing state-wide projects in the identified areas.
- Identify areas of investment for drones and drive initiatives to encourage local ecosystem in association with the Govt. departments and industry.
- Empanelment of drone service agencies.

This project will be implemented through Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation (MAHAIT) -a state owned entity. MAHAIT will act as the Project Implementation Agency (PIA) for this project.

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